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Elba W&E says new pump installed for Well 4

Water service returns to normal in Elba

The Elba Water Department announced this morning [Friday, April 29] that the new pump at Well 4 had passed all ADEM required testing, and the

pump was put back online. "All residents' water pressure should be restored," Elba City Clerk Sally Bane said.

Also, she said the boil

notice put in place last week had been lifted. This was a precautionary measure implemented by ADEM for those affected by last week's water outage/low water pressure issue.

"We want to thank our employees, contractors, and engineer for all their hard work," Bane said. "We also want to thank our customers for your patience and understanding. Please know that providing you good quality services is our number one priority."

DRAFTED!



ELBA'S OWN ALEX WRIGHT (left) heard his name called Friday night, April 29, during the NFL Draft! He now is a member of the Cleveland Browns professional football team. Wright was at home in Elba for the draft selection where he was the 78th overall pick in the third round. He flew to Cleveland over the weekend to finalize his contract and was back in Elba by Monday morning of this week celebrating with some of his biggest fans at his high school alma mater - Elba High School. Pictured above with Wright showing off his new Browns jersey is EHS principal Wynn Grimes. For more on this historical night for Wright and his hometown of Elba, see "Sports" Page 6.

Local Arrest News Brief:

According to Coffee County Jail records, Elba Police arrest Raymond Purdy, age 31, of Enterprise, Ala., on Monday, May 2, and charged him with multiple offenses.

Purdy was booked in as an inmate at the Coffee County Jail at 1:36 a.m. Monday morning. His charges included two counts of probation revocation, along with one count each of possession of a controlled substance [\$10,000 bond], possession of marijuana - second degree [\$6,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$6,000 bond].

He remained in the county jail as of press time this week.



Sunset Boulevard residents Shirley Reeves and Jerome Blackmon enjoy creating 'holiday' displays on the grassy hill between their home and the Sunset Blvd/U.S. Hwy 84 intersection in Elba. Their labor of love is to try and give others something to smile at and enjoy. Currently (as shown above) the display is decorated for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. It is something they hope to continue doing for a while.

Couple shares decorative displays in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

On top the hill where Sunset Boulevard intersects U.S. Highway 84 sits a hay bale with decorations covering it and even more surrounding it...currently the decorative display symbolizes Memorial Day, which is coming up later this month.

Last fall, Sunset Boulevard residents Shirley Reeves and Jerome Blackmon began creating a 'holiday' display in the grassy area between their home and the intersection for citizens and travelers all to see and enjoy.

"We decorate for each holiday," said Blackmon. "I think the Christmas display was our best one so far."

The bale of hay was donated to the couple by a local businessman/farmer, and they said it has served them well in creating the displays. At Christmastime, Blackmon painted the round bale white, and they turned it into a snowman for the season. At other times, there have been pilgrims [for Thanksgiving] and leprechauns [for St. Patrick's Day] bouncing around on it.

A labor of love, the two also make some of the decorations themselves.

The display even is illuminated at night thanks to a donation of spotlights from

another neighbor/friend.

"We enjoy doing it," said Reeves. "It is just something uplifting for everyone to see and enjoy, and we enjoy receiving the positive feedback."

Over the past 5-6 months, Blackmon said they have heard back from many, even people they do not know, about how much the community is enjoying their displays. He said it makes people smile, and that makes them happy.

The couple plans to keep on working to have a display on the grassy area for as long as they can. They are saving decorations as the create a new display and all the time adding new ones.

"I've got boxes of decorations saved," Reeves said. "We want to keep doing this... it's just enjoyable."

Reeves daughter, Dawn DeVane, and her husband, Wesley, live next door to the couple on Sunset Blvd., and she said her mom and Blackmon put their hearts into creating the displays each holiday.

"They are so proud of it," she said. "It keeps them busy, and everyone loves the positive vibe. They just love doing it for everyone driving by."

It is a true testament of giving to the community.

Alabama VOTES

Secretary of State John H. Merrill reminded Alabamians earlier this week that the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming Primary Elections is nearing.

Monday, May 9, 2022 is the last day to register for the May 24th Primary Election. Alabamians can register to vote online at alabamavotes.gov or through the mobile app "Vote for Alabama." All online registrations must be submitted by 11:59 PM on May 9th to be eligible for the May 24th Primary Election.

Additionally, eligible Alabamians have until the

close of business on May 9th to return their physical registration applications to their local Board of Registrars' Office.

To register to vote in Alabama, you must be a U.S. citizen and an Alabama resident who is 18 years or older on or by Election Day, and the prospective voter cannot be convicted of a disqualifying felony nor declared mentally incompetent.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (334) 242-7210 or your county Board of Registrars' Office.

Returning to State Tournament to defend last year's championship title

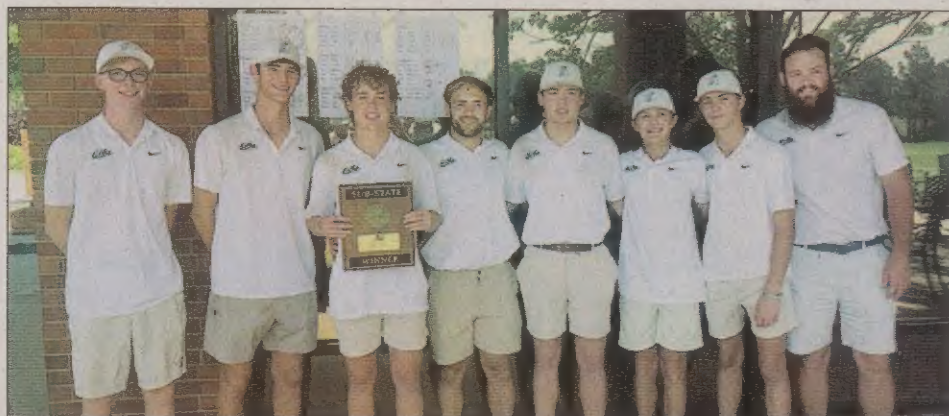
Elba Tigers win Sub-State in AHSAA Class 1A/2A Boys Golf

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Tigers Golf team tasted Sub-State victory Tuesday afternoon, May 3, as the team won the 2022 AHSAA Sub-State tournament for Class 1A/2A boys golf. The event was held at the Troy Country Club in Troy, Ala.

Second place in the event went to the Brantley Bulldogs Golf Team. Elba finished the day with an overall 320 while Brantley had a team score of 335.

Other teams in the Sub-State event were Altamont [344 overall], Orange Beach



THE ELBA TIGERS GOLF TEAM celebrates winning their Sub State event Tuesday, May 3, in Troy, Ala. This win advanced Elba to next week's State Championships in Huntsville, Ala. Pictured from left to right: Bradley Chapman, Peyton McCart, Carson Wise, Collin Sauls, Paxton Wise, Jay Wilson, Trace Grantham, and Coach Mark Wicker.

[359 overall], Washington County [373 overall], Locust Fork [401 overall], and Cleveland [417 overall].

The first and second place finishers [Elba and Brantley] advance to next week's State event in Huntsville, Ala. Elba is the defending Class 1A/2A Boys Golf champions,

while Brantley was the runner up team last year.

At the Sub State event Tuesday, Elba's team was represented by Collin Sauls [81 total], Peyton McCart [85 total], Jay Wilson [79 total], Paxton Wise [84 total], Paxton Wise [84 total], and Carson Wise [76 total]. Only the best four scores counted towards the team total.

For Brantley, the team was represented by Tucker Kilcrease [78 total], Jon Bush [81 total], Walt Johnson [84 total], Cooper Layton [92 total], and Harper Kilcrease [93 total].

Elba High golf coach Mark Wicker said he is super proud of his team winning the Sub State event against some very tough competition. He added that he hopes the senior leadership of this year's squad will pay dividends next week as the team travels to Huntsville for the State Championships.

"We've got some great leadership with our seniors," Wicker said. "I know they would love nothing more than to graduate as back-to-back state champs!"

As for the younger guys on the team, Wicker said they are a real dedicated bunch that love the game

It's Showtime!

The Choral Department of Elba City Schools will present Disney's The Lion King Jr @ May 5 - 7 from the Elba High School auditorium.

There will be nightly shows Thursday, May 5, Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m., and there will be a Saturday matinee show [May 7] at 2 p.m. Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased from any student in the show, online at GoFan.co, or in the high school office. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each show.

This production will feature students from both Elba High School and Elba Elementary School, and the costumes will highlight in-house talents from the Family and Consumer Sciences classes as the majority of these were created by Elba High teachers/students.

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THANKS FOR THE HELP! Members of the Foggy Bottom Cruisers car club presented a plaque Thursday afternoon, April 28, to the Elba Chamber of Commerce for its support and help with the recent Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show held in Elba. The proceeds from the car show were donated to the Elba Chamber of Commerce to assist with its efforts to promote business/tourism in Elba. Sandy Bynum-Williams, executive director of the Elba Chamber, accepted the plaque on behalf of the organization, and she said just over \$5,200 was profited from the very successful event. Those pictured above include (from left): Foggy Bottom Cruisers members Greg Corder, Jerry Roberts, and Kenneth Grantham; Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams; and Foggy Bottom Cruisers members Lee Stricklin and Larry Goodson.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you." ~Author Unknown

Rep Madison Cawthorn was caught taking a loaded gun into the airport at Charlotte, NC (charged with same offense another time last year). This is the same guy who was recorded accusing members of Congress of drug use and inviting him to an "orgy" only to later retract those claims. Antics like this are what keep many good folks from offering to serve in our elective offices.

What about a refund and/or bonus to those former college students who struggled to get the education and/or not to burn the candle at both ends with Spring Break trips hundreds of miles away while shrugging shoulders over the expense with comments of, "Oh I have one of those federal student loans to pay my bills." It happened and many of those struggling with heavy college loan payments would probably admit to being guilty of this mindset during their college years. We read a comment from one person opposed to the federal debt relief proposal: "If the education didn't earn you enough to pay your bills, it sure doesn't inspire me to pay it for you."

A headline on an opinion article plastered on the Internet Monday morning noted that politics and religions should not be mixed. We didn't read the story but were reminded of a comment we heard dozens of times from an aunt, now deceased. She took her religion and her politics very serious. She would be reading a campaign ad or watching one on the tube and say, "If you are a religious person I will know it, you don't have to plaster it all over your ads." You know my dear departed aunt had a valid point. All too many of our political office holders live by the line in that Country Western song, "I raise cane on Saturday night, but I go to church on Sunday" and then stand up and declare they are 'very religious'.

The daily news from the war in Ukraine should serve as a reminder to each of us of the horrors of war – any war. The killings might be the less horrible of the crimes being committed in Ukraine every day. Graphic reports of Russian soldiers killing the husband and adding insult to the wife's misery by sexually assaulting her are not uncommon and of course are not unique to this war. We would like to look into the brain of those committing these despicable crimes against humanity and understand the 'why' of such actions.

The is a stink coming out of the Supreme Court this week. Someone 'leaked' information dealing with an upcoming court ruling on abortions. The chief justice has launched an investigation to find out how this was released, adding that the draft opinion is not final. Final or not, it is hard not to assume the end results will be overturning the long standing Roe vs Wade court opinion that allows abortions.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!

Ballot trafficking is illegal in Alabama

Guest Editorial by
John Merrill, Alabama
Secretary of State

In Alabama, it is illegal for any individual to return or mail another individual's absentee ballot application or their absentee ballot. This practice, known as ballot trafficking or ballot harvesting, is a dangerous practice that often leads to ballot traffickers stealing the votes of well-meaning and unsuspecting voters. Alabama law requires that the chain of custody be maintained for both absentee applications and absentee ballots. If the chain of custody for an absentee application or ballot is broken, then the law has been violated.

According to §17-11-4 of the Code of Alabama, "The application may be handed by the applicant to the absentee election manager or forwarded to him or her by United States mail or by commercial carrier, as determined by rule by the Secretary of State." Under Alabama law, the application must remain in the voter's custody or with an approved commercial mail carrier during the entire process.

Pertaining to absentee ballots, §17-11-9 states that after completing their ballot, voters must "forward it by United States mail to the absentee manager or hand it to him or her in person." Once again, the absentee

ballot must remain in the custody of the voter or an approved commercial mail carrier.

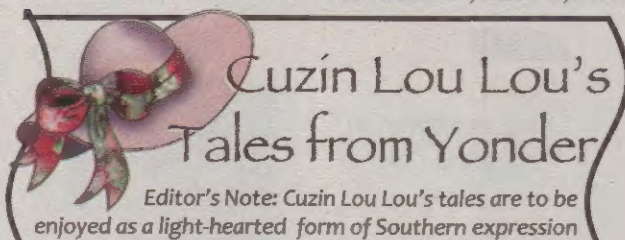
Ballot trafficking will not be allowed in our state. It undermines the legitimacy of the elections process, and it leads to many Alabamians having their votes trafficked by paid political operatives.

These traffickers are not seeking to make it easier to vote. In fact, they are trying to make it easier to cheat. Ballot trafficking cheats Alabamians out of their opportunity to freely elect their leaders without coercion or manipulation.

If you are a witness to ballot trafficking or have been a victim of ballot trafficking, then it is incumbent upon you to report this activity to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 334-242-7210 or by visiting stopvoterfraudnow.com. Individuals who are found to be engaged in ballot trafficking will be referred to prosecuting authorities so they can be indicted and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Happy
Mother's
Day this
Sunday!

Attend the
Church of Your
Choice This
and Every
Sunday



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou hopes all the "moms" out there have a grand day this Sunday with their children, grands, and others treating them nicely.

Lou Lou and Sister lost Mama back in 2003, and they have not been thrilled by this day since that time with neither of them being "moms" themselves; but they continue to wish the best for others each and every year. After Mama passed on to her heavenly home, Lou Lou, Sister and Papa began a tradition of going away for the Mother's Day weekend each year, and they have only missed that annual trip once or twice since 2003.

This year, the gang will be staying close by home again. Lou Lou has some work that needs her attention, and the gang decided to postpone their trip this time.

Lou Lou also has decided to take a new approach to the day this Mother's Day. She has chosen to prepare a simple breakfast in honor of "Moms" this Sunday morning at her church. It will include muffins [so the Muffins for Mom title fits the occasion], along with sausage and biscuits.

Those biscuits, however, will not be homemade. While Lou Lou carries many traits of a good Southern woman...making homemade biscuits is not one of her talents.

As a matter of fact, Sister [who does make great homemade biscuits] banned Lou Lou from trying to make them ever again after a failed attempt several years ago. Lou Lou's biscuits were so "heavy" when done that Sister proclaimed they would knock a hole in the wall if thrown!! Lou Lou thinks that might be a bit of an exaggeration, but she bows away from trying to be a homemade biscuit maker...she either let's Sister do it or she hits the Grands can on the counter and carefully places the pre-made goodness on the baking pan!

The good folks at church will be getting those tasty Grands biscuits on Sunday morning.

Lou Lou recognizes that being a mother is one of the greatest things a woman can be blessed with in this life, and she hopes all the moms out there in Yonder land will have a fabulous day on Sunday. Beyond that, Lou Lou will continue to love up on and cater to all her 'friend's kids' the other 364 days of the year!! After all...spoiling them is Lou Lou's favorite part.

And, who knows...there may still be a day when Lou Lou or Sister one get to add that sweet name too – MOM! If not, well...that's okay too.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, April 26, 2022, and Monday, May 2, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Apr. 26 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1192 Pine Circle (12:17 a.m.); Disturbance reported in area of Stroud Ave and Hwy 84 (1:11 a.m.); Civil complaint reported on Simmons St (10:12 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1799 County Rd 637 (10:14 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Old Samson Rd (1:16 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1207 N Claxton Ave – w/ animal impound (2:53 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in four citations, and two written warnings.

Wednesday, Apr. 27 – Animal complaint reported at 123 Fox Dr (2:19 p.m.);

Animal complaint reported at 1799 County Rd 637 (2:57 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1037 Morrow Ave (3:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hickman Ave (5:16 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three citations, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Apr. 28 – Suspicious person reported at 911 Farris Ave (12:04 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 252 Larkin Rd (2:37 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (2:42 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 997 Winston Ave (10:35 a.m.); Shoplifter reported at 611 N Claxton Ave – an arrest was made (11:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 132 Champ McCollough Dr – w/ animal impound (3:11 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported

at 990 Hwy 203 (3:23 p.m.); Fight reported in area of Lee St and Martin Luther King Dr – an arrest was made (5:08 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 375 Hwy 203 (6:03 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1023 Guyton St – an arrest was made (10:44 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one arrest, one written warning, two citations, and one verbal warning.

Friday, Apr. 29 – No daily activity report received for this date.

Saturday, Apr. 30 – ATV complaint reported on Caroline St (10:51 a.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two citations, and one written warning.

Sunday, May 1 – Structure fire reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr, Lot 12 (12:48 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1044 Morrow Ave (9:39 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at the intersection of Hwy 84/Hwy 141 (1:04 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (9:31 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 125 – an arrest was made (11:25 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation issued.

Monday, May 2 – Suspicious person reported at 661 E Davis St (12:33 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 150 Buford St (7:41 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 887 Cedar Lane Dr (8:27 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1044 Morrow Ave (9:09 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported to Elba Police (10:37 a.m.); High-speed pursuit reported on Taylor Mill Rd (11:24 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 325 Fox Dr (1:54 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported to Elba Police (2:58 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Smith Ave (4:32 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1069 Sunset Blvd (5:08 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 680 Lee St (8:31 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1321 Highland Dr (9:50 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in five citations, one arrest, one verbal warning, and one no action.

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Elba High FBLA students attend state conference

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Four Elba High School students recently attended the FBLA [Future Business Leaders of America] state conference in Mobile, Ala., and one qualified for an invitation to nationals.

Stephanie Wright, business education teacher at Elba High School, said she enjoyed taking a group of four students — Kanecia Hill, Malaysia Hooks, Mikyla Daniels, and Clayton Parks — to the conference this year, and she believes the students learned a lot on the two-day trip.

"This was our first year going to the conference," Wright said. "I believe it helped them to be better prepared for next year."

Hill, Hooks, and Daniels took an objective test for competition prior to leaving for the conference. The girls also represented Elba High School as club officers at the event. Daniels is club president, while Hill is vice president, and Hooks is secretary.

Daniels said it was a fun trip, and she enjoyed the workshop speakers and getting an opportunity to explore Mobile.

"All the workshops taught me a lot of different things to apply and help get better for next year," Daniels said.

Hill agreed saying the things they learned will definitely help them prepare for next year's conference and competitions.

Parks competed in Hospitality and Event Management while at the conference, and he placed second overall.

Wright said the second place finish earned Parks an invitation to the FBLA nationals event slated for the summer in Chicago, Ill.

"I was very excited to place second," Parks said. "We attended lots of workshops over the two days there, and there was lots to hear and learn."

Wright said while this trip was a good learning experience for the FBLA students, she said it also gave the group a chance to explore somewhere different while away from Elba for a couple of days. She said they

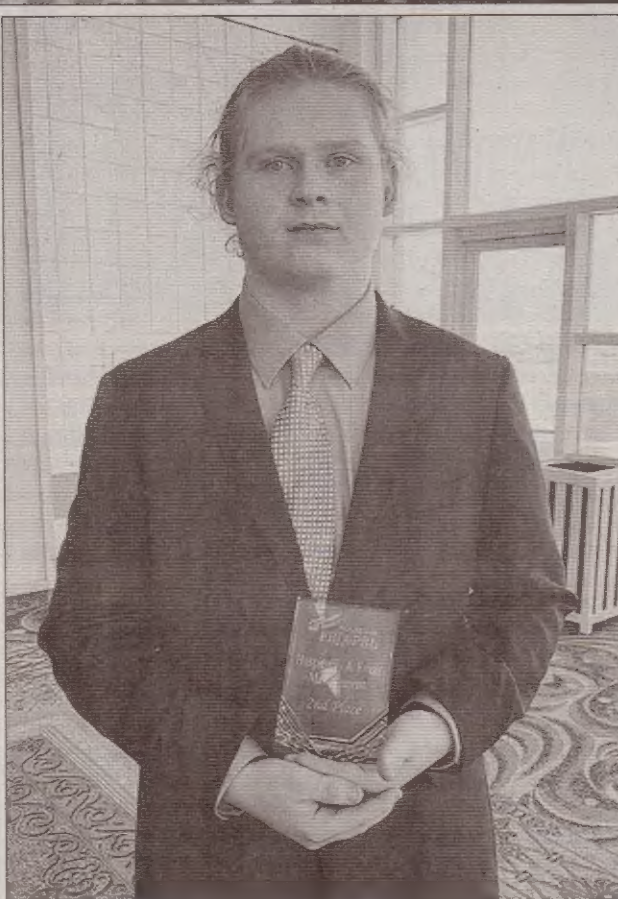


Above: Elba FBLA students Kanecia Hill, Mikyla Daniels, Malaysia Hooks, and Clayton Parks recently attended the FBLA State Conference in Mobile, Ala. All agreed it was a great learning experience for them. Right: Clayton Parks with his second place trophy from the Hospitality and Event Management competition in which he completed while at conference.

enjoyed dinner together as a group the first night, and they walked around downtown Mobile where they heard live music on the street and enjoyed beignets.

Hooks said she also enjoyed seeing the battle- ships at Mobile Bay while on the trip.

"All in all, it was a fun trip," Wright said. "I think they all are looking forward to going again next year now."



Troy University awarded \$161K National Science Foundation grant

Troy University professors continually make advancements in their respective fields, most recently with Dr. Raj Vinnakota's acceptance of a \$161,597 grant from the National Science Foundation to further research building a device that would allow for faster data recording and processing at the photon level. Faster speeds would allow for improvements in optical computing and optical information processing across multiple applications.

Modern digital devices are powered by microprocessors, and the building block for microprocessors is transistors, explained Vinnakota, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics. Data is then recorded and processed in the form of electrons that travel along pathways of connected transistors.

"The microprocessor is built with neuron-like tiny switches called transistors,

which are electronic switches where the flow of the current in one channel is controlled by another smaller current, much like a water faucet," he said. "In a microprocessor, data is encoded and processed in the form of electric currents, which travel along pathways of connected transistors."

Similar to a delay in broadcasting between a live event and television, data processing speeds are delayed between connections, and Vinnakota's research aims to create an all-optical plasmonic switch to decrease these delays. An all-optical switch is a device that allows one optical signal to control another optical signal, such as control of light by light.

In recent years, nanophotonics, specifically plasmonics, often referred to as "light on a wire," has established itself as a promising technology for the development of all-optical devices. Despite advancements, a universal

fast switching all-optical transistor does not seem to exist or be practical for optical logic gates. Vinnakota hopes to change this.

In addition to the possibility to make groundbreaking technological developments, his research has a strong educational and outreach component, including inspiring and guiding K-12 students to pursue a career path in science and technology, improving undergraduate participation in research and providing training and mentoring for a diverse group of students. The grant also has the opportunity to boost TROY's Electronics Engineering Technology program, of

which Vinnakota serves as Program Coordinator.

"This venture opens an avenue for the underrepresented, disabled veterans and low-income populous in the Alabama Black Belt region to participate in the cutting-edge research activities in the field of semiconductor photonics and computational optics," he said. "New and innovative outreach educational activities and modules will be developed targeting local schools, community colleges and after-school programs, including educational series, both hands-on and lectures, and summer camps on multiphysics modelling used in the current project."

Ask Heath

Heath Wyrosdick, Funeral Director/Embalmer

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Items of Remembrance to Share After a Loss

Honoring the deceased can come in many forms. During a wake or other commemorative service, guests may be presented with items of remembrance to honor the deceased. These items may take many different shapes or forms, but what they all have in common is they are reminders of the loved one who has passed.

Books of Remembrance. This is a book set in a common area, typically during a wake or vigil service. Guests who have come to pay their respects to the deceased and the grieving family may sign in and write messages, memories, or poems to commemorate the deceased.

Memorial Cards. Memorial cards are a small but lasting tribute to the person who has passed. They are credit card sized items, typically with a meaningful photo and words printed on them. They are a convenient source of familiarity and comfort for family or friends who are mourning their loss. They are typically laminated and are included in thank you notes that the grieving family might send to those who could not attend the funeral, calling hours, wake, or vigil.

Prayer Cards. As part of Catholic tradition, prayer cards, or holy cards, are small cards with devotional pictures. They generally illustrate a religious scene or saint. There is a prayer printed on the back of the card. This is done so the cardholder can recite the prayer and better cope with the loss of their loved one. Giving out these cards to guests is a common practice and part of the culture of Roman Catholicism.

Personalized Tokens. Many other items of a more personal nature can be considered, like give aways or little knick-knacks. These may reference a hobby or skill your loved one expressed great interest in.

When preparing to remember the life of a loved one, consider these tokens you may present to those who have come to the funeral or wake services. In doing so, you can offer support and comfort to all who are grieving and give guests a tangible way to remember and honor the person who has passed.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesth@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

CHRISTOPHER

COLUMBUS PATMAN

Mr. Christopher Columbus Patman, age 83, of New Brockton, Ala., died Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at his residence.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 30, 2022, from Haw Hill Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Rev. Shirlye Ellis officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

Survivors include his sister-in-law: Cathy Copeland, Birmingham, Ala.; brother-in-law: Robert "Bobby" Senn, New Brockton; and grandson: Dalton Patman.

Visitation was at Elba Church of Christ on Wednesday, May 4, from 1-2 p.m.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Jane Crocker, Elba; sister: Janice McCall, Faye (Ray) Goodson, and June (Tommy) Grimes, all of Elba; niece: Beverly McCall, Elba; and nephews: Ronnie Tucker, and Jeff Goodson, both of Dothan, Ala.



WILLIE RAY CROCKER

Mr. Willie Ray Crocker, age 86, of Elba, Ala., died

Monday evening, May 2, 2022, at his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Wednesday,

May 4, 2022, from Elba Church of Christ at 2 p.m. with Min. Philip Box officiating. Committal services will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

GOLF

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of golf. He said they have really played a huge role in this year's successes, and he believes they will only get better and better each season.

Elba and Brantley will play in the AHSAA State Championship event next Monday, May 9, and Tuesday, May 10, at the Robert Trent Jones Hampton Cove course in Huntsville.

Card of Thanks

The Family of Cara Carter Hussey wishes to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, food, prayers, and support over the past several months during Cara's sickness and death. Your acts of kindness will not be forgotten.

Donnie Hussey and Family

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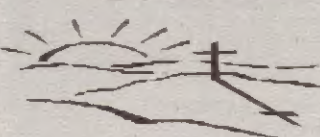
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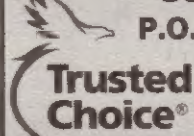
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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Kit Johnson, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Elba

All Mothers Matter

According to The Guardian, 141 million Mother's Day cards were sold last year. Another site claimed Mother's Day is responsible for one-fourth of the floral purchases on any one holiday. According to Lifeway, Mother's Day is the third highest in church attendance after Christmas and Easter.

No question about it, mothers are loved and prioritized. Whether it's your biological mother or simply a woman who loved you as if your mother, I am sure you have one or more women in your life that helped shape you into the person you are today. We purchase cards, flowers, and attend church to show our appreciation to these mothers and with good reason.

"My mother's love has always been a sustaining force for our family, and one of my greatest joys is seeing her integrity, her compassion, her intelligence reflected in my daughters." ~ Michelle Obama

"There is no love like a mother's - she who carries the child that God knits in the womb, she who nourishes and guides, she who teaches and inspires, she who gives of her heart and soul and self for the good and the happiness of her children and her family." ~ Ronald Reagan.

The Gospels teach us much of Jesus' mother and how she loved Him and He, her Mary prompted the first miracle at the wedding marking the start of His ministry. And in His last moments, His mother was on His mind as He gave instructions to insure her wellbeing.

"When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her 'Dear woman, here is your son.' And he said to this disciple, 'here is your mother.' And from then on, this disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27)

Once the husband was gone, Jewish culture required either the son or a brother of the husband to care for the now widow. Though suffering unexplainable pain and bearing the sin of the world, Jesus pauses to ensure His mother was taken care of. Our mothers deserve to be prioritized as well, and I am sure this Mother's Day most will make every effort to demonstrate such.

But do not miss the fact that John, who Mary would move in with, was not her biological son. Remember those women I referenced earlier that have greatly impacted our lives. Some of them might not have children of their own. Those that do, might not see their children Mother's Day weekend. Do not forget these mother's because they did not let the lack of shared DNA prevent them from loving you.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also and praises her: 'many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'" Proverbs 31:28-29

Kinston's Andrew Revels inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Andrew Revels of Kinston, Ala., recently was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor

Cemetery meeting set for Saturday, May 7th, at Antioch Baptist Church

Antioch Baptist Church at 10 a.m. will hold a cemetery meeting Saturday, May 7, at the church. The meeting begins in the church cemetery are urged to attend.

'Mother's Day' Banquet planned for Saturday evening, May 7, at Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church will be Minister Jacqueline McQueen. Door prizes will be given away. There is no cover charge, but a donation of \$15 (or an amount that can be afforded) is greatly appreciated. To reserve a space, email admin.assistant@gnzm-bchurch.org or call (334) 897-5545 to leave a message.

This will be an evening of "Celebrating the Women in Our Life" and will include a catered meal. The speaker



POSTER CONTEST WINNER..Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District recently held the 2022 NACD Poster and Essay Contest. Blair Wyrosdick (pictured above on left) was presented \$550 from Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District, for being the county essay winner and being the Kinston High School poster winner. Dorris Skipper (pictured above on right), with Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District, made the presentation.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

society. Revels was initiated at Auburn University.

Revels is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress. Psalm 6: 1-10

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Monique Hutchinson, Nicole Duncan, Nursing Home Patients, Lavonne Brooks, Sharron Fitch, Mamie Belcher, Lizzie P. Wright, Elder J.L. Hill

April Birthdays

Ruby Stinson 4/22
Ron Hill 4/24
Collin Harrison 4/26
Belinda Ordon 4/27
Gladys Waters Gordon 4/27
Commissioner Jimmy E Jones 4/29
J'Rell K. Smedley 4/30

Growing Up and Away

I did not travel far from home for college. The short distance made it tempting to go back home often, but I resisted the urge. Over time whenever I did visit home, I began to get a real sense of how I was changing. My growth did not happen just because of what I was studying, but also because of interactions with a diverse group of peers. Being away opened my eyes to other cultures, perspectives, and lifestyles. On visits home, conversations around the dinner table would highlight how I was changing. Home was not a simple fit the way it had been before I left. Jesus had been away from His hometown. When He returned, neighbors sense a change in Him. As Christ's followers, you too will face times when what is familiar

no longer feels like home. As you grow in the Lord, those close to you may no longer understand you. Do not be discouraged when that happens. Jesus understands exactly what you are going through. - L.H.P.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 5/5/2022

True or False
Q: The words Christ and Messiah refer to the same person.

A: True [John 4:25]

Q: The Samaritans who heard the woman's testimony about Jesus scoffed at her.

A: False [John 4:39]

Q: Jesus had delivered Mary Magdalene from seven devils.

A: True [Luke 8:2]

Thought to Remember

Prayer: is a plea to the highest court of appeals.

Questions for the Week of 5/12/2022

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Pharaoh's dream meant that Egypt would experience _____ years of _____ followed by _____ years of _____.

Q: According to James, _____ triumphs over _____.

Q: According to John, we are not to love with _____ or _____ but in _____ and in _____.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLE AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Kemonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Keneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Steve Renuau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORLD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loreant Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRADISE & GLORY METHODIST CHURCH Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship... 12 noon Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Kenneth Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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LIFESTYLES

Elba's Kate Hudson completes Pathfinder Program at TROY

Kate Hudson of Elba, Alabama completed Troy University's Pathfinder Program during the Spring of 2022.

The Pathfinder Program is a collaborative partnership between Career Services and Academic Advising designed to help students feel confident in their major and career path.

Students who complete the program must have taken TROY 1102: Major Exploration & Planning, completed the Focus2 /

Career Coach Assessment, and scheduled a meeting with their Pathfinder Advisor and declare their new major.

**Lifestyles
News is
due on
Mondays!**



NEW MEMBER INITIATION...The Elba Masonic Lodge # 170 initiated Tucker Bryant Weeks into the Lodge during a special service Monday night, May 2. Food and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended.

ALEA successfully launches LEADS driver license system

Tuesday, April 26, marked the grand reopening of The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Driver License Offices. The reopening signifies and represents the successful migration of the previous decades old system into the new Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Driver License System, simply known as LEADS.

"What an amazing accomplishment," ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said. "This is only the beginning of ALEA's overall initiative to utilize technology to advance and provide enhanced quality service for the citizens of our great state. However, I would be remised, if I did not showcase the hard work and dedication of all the employees within the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, especially those within the Driver License and Information Technology Divisions, who turned this vision into a reality. I would also like to highlight the innovation and commitment of both Colonel Jimmy Helms and, Driver License Division Chief Jonathan Archer, if not for their steadfast leadership this endeavor would never been made possible."

Driver License Division Chief Jonathan Archer stated, "Now that the system transfer is complete a host of new options are live and active within LEADS. Citizens will have the ability to access a variety of new options and enhanced services such as allowing individuals the ability to pre-apply for the Alabama Driver License and enter all necessary information prior to visiting a local office. This is a new feature that we feel if used by citizens will make a tremendous difference for our Driver License Examiners' capability to provide improved quality service."

"We must share this achievement with Governor Ivey and all members of the Legislature for their continued support of this project as well as our Agency. If not for them providing ALEA with the necessary resources we would have never been able to complete this monumental and historic project for the state of Alabama," Secretary Taylor added.

Director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Colonel Jimmy Helms said, "The modernization of our Driver License System was one of the first tasks given to me by Secretary Taylor. From the very beginning I knew we had the right team in place, and I would like to take this opportunity to echo the sentiments of Secretary Taylor and thank each and every one of the employees that played a

role in this colossal task which will have a positive impact on both our employees as well as citizens for years to come. I would also like to remind everyone this is a brand-new system

Students have different education options after high school

Many students think of education after high school as the traditional four-year college degree. That isn't always the case, according to KHEAA-Alabama.

Two-year degrees can prepare students to continue at a four-year school, but they can also lead directly to a job in the workforce. Diplomas and certificates in specialized skills give students the knowledge they need to compete for good jobs in industry and other careers. These programs usually take six to 18 months to complete.

Alabama students can tap into numerous sources of financial aid to pay for whatever level of education they want to pursue.

The state offers the Alabama Student Assistant Program Grant for undergraduates at eligible public and private colleges and universities. Undergraduates at some private colleges and universities are also eligible for an Alabama Student Grant. Those grants are administered by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

The Alabama Community College System offers several programs for students at the state's two-year community and technical colleges.

In addition, nearly all technical schools, two-year colleges and four-year colleges and universities have school-specific financial aid programs.

that our employees will be given their first opportunity to use in the coming days.

We would like to ask that the citizens of our great state continue to use the same level of patience and

understanding which were utilized over the course of the previous week."

For further information on LEADS and project updates, please visit: alea.gov.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit khea.com.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information, visit advantageeducationloan.com.

For more information about financial aid and college planning, visit alstudentaid.com.



Thanking Dr. John Granger

The Executive Committee of Coffee County Baptist Association voted in March to recognize and show appreciation for Dr. John Granger's work in our midst for 30 years in May. He has served as Moderator, Personnel Committee Chair, and as Association Missionary.

Association Missionary or Director of Missions is a job much like bishop or district superintendent in other denominations. Because each Baptist church is autonomous, even though cooperative, the DOM has only influence, not authority, over the churches or pastors. His office helps churches locate pastors and pastors connect with churches. He deals with pastors and church leaders when problems arise. He is the connecting link between all the 48 churches in Coffee County Baptist Association.



The DOM is responsible for working with committees to provide training and activities in all areas of church life. He has the opportunity to be a strategist to help start new work or plan new areas of ministry. He has the responsibility for helping weak or struggling churches. He is a pastor to pastors and church staff. He serves as a missions strategist to identify new work. He works with appropriate groups to meet those needs.

Dr. Granger works well with committees, churches, and other partners both in this county and in other areas. He has been instrumental in many changes. During his time here, the association has made significant progress in just about any category you can name. We will list some of those next week.

For those of you who do not know Dr. John, following are some biographical points.

He is a Wiregrass boy. Married to Kathy Whitten. 3 children, Denice, Charis, John, eight grandchildren. All in Coffee County. Became a Christian and felt called to preach at age 19. Four years in US Air Force. 66-70 Education: Cottonwood High School; USAF Tech School; Baptist Bible Institute; University of Mobile, B.A.; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, M.Div.; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Th.D. Taught New Testament and Greek at: University of Mobile, Baptist College of Florida, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Extension, Samford University Extension.

Dr. Granger graduated from college at the top of his class. Could translate the New Testament by age 25. Was asked to teach at all of those institutions listed above without submitting a résumé or an application. The leaders of the schools knew him and his ability and asked him to teach. He did a weekly newspaper column in Mobile, then did the same thing with the Enterprise Ledger for 12 years. He has had a morning moment radio spot on five or six stations since 2004.

He has worked with many churches in this area. While in the service or college, he was Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church, Del Rio Texas; Temple Baptist Church, Eight Mile, Alabama; and Gambrell St., Baptist Church in Fort Worth. He was Pastor at Yellow Bluff Baptist Church; Brookwood Baptist Church, Prichard, Alabama; Goodman Baptist Church, Enterprise; MaChis Tribal Church, Coffee County; and currently is Pastor of Church on Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise. He has led Coffee Baptist Association for over 2 decades.

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To whom it may concern,

If elected as your Coffee County Coroner, it is my intent to have Mark Kelley of Elba serve as my Chief Deputy Coroner.

If you don't know him, let me give you some information showing his history in our county:

- He is a lifelong resident of Coffee County.
- He and his wife are active members of Westside Baptist Church in Elba.

- He is a 1979 graduate of Elba High School and in 1978 he completed Basic Training.

- Mark retired from the Alabama National Guard in 2002 as a Staff Sgt with 24 years of service.

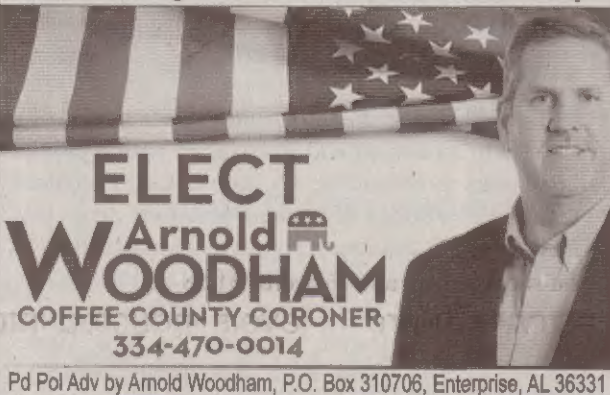
- In 1982 he completed the Montgomery Police Academy and worked as patrolman with the Elba Police Department.

- In 1983 he graduated from the Alabama Department of Corrections Academy and worked at Holman and Ventress Prisons and with the Elba Work Release.

- Mark retired from the ADOC after 28 years of service.

- He is a current Volunteer with the Elba Fire Department serving since 2019; in 2021 he obtained his Fire-fighter 1 Certification.

As you can see, if I'm elected, my choice for Chief Deputy Coroner has a heart for service just like my own. Mark will be a perfect choice for all of Coffee County.



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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson reminded me last week that there are only fifteen days of school left this school year and that when they head back in the fall he will be in the sixth grade. I know he will be twelve years old in September and is growing as a young man, but once he turns twelve he is only one year away from being a teenager. Can't we slow this thing down at least a little?

For what it is worth....

*** **I know that Ronald McKinnon signed** as a free agent years ago with the Arizona Cardinals when he began his NFL career and that Johnny Sharpless signed as a free agent with the New York Jets back in the late 1960's, but as far as I can remember Alex Wright became the first Elba Tiger to ever be drafted into the NFL last week when the Cleveland Browns picked him in the third round. Wright was more of a basketball standout early in his high school career and most fans thought he would head to college in that sport. However, he signed with UAB and proved us all wrong as he received honors every year of his three-year college career and left early to try his luck in the draft. I listened to a video in which Alex said one of the things that drove him to be as good as he could be was the fact he had watched a number of Elba High football players head off to school and come back after unsuccessful careers. He was determined to succeed at UAB and continue his career in the NFL, and now he will get that chance.

*** **The high school softball season will begin** in area tournaments this week all across the state as teams try to punch their tickets to region play. Locally, it looks like Brantley is a shoe-in to advance in its attempt to defend its state title, while I will be surprised if New Brockton and Kinston don't make it to the next round. Elba and Zion Chapel both have solid high school teams and could pull off an upset, but I see three teams from the area moving on and keeping their seasons alive.

*** **The Brantley Bulldogs saw** their state title hopes come to an abrupt end in baseball with a pair of lopsided losses to defending 1A state champ Bayshore Christian. The Bulldogs dominated area play again this season and despite fielding a young team made a run to the second round and made it clear they will always be a contender in the 1A ranks, no matter the sport.

*** **In closing....** I went to watch the Elba Tigers practice one afternoon last week and despite losing 17 of 22 starters on offense and defense I am convinced they will be a team to watch next season in their return to the 1A ranks. Elba has a lot of young and inexperienced players that will have to step up and play big roles next season, but they have grown up as Elba Tigers and know that Elba Tigers are always expected to win on the football field and make no excuses. Hey, I am already looking forward to the 2022 season and the season openers against county rivals New Brockton and Kinston. Get out the black and gold soon, the season will kickoff sooner than you think.



The TV told the story last week when former Elba Tiger Alex Wright's name was called out during the NFL Draft. Wright was selected in the third round by the Cleveland Browns. He was the 78th pick overall.

A Tiger, a Blazer and now a Brown

Former Elba Tiger and UAB Blazer football standout Alex Wright saw his dream of becoming a professional football player come true last Friday night when he was picked in the third round of the 2022 NFL draft by the Cleveland Browns.

Wright was the 78th overall pick in the draft and the first player from Conference USA to hear his name called out at the annual event. A 6'7", 270-pound, linebacker at UAB, Wright was a three-year starter for the Blazers and during his career was credited with 91 tackles, 19 tackles for a loss and 13 sacks. After this past season, his junior year at UAB, Wright was named the Conference USA 'Defensive Player of the Year.'

In an interview on the Cleveland Browns website, Wright stated "From the first time I talked with the coaches at Cleveland I had a feeling they were genuine in their feelings for me and it could be my home. It is an honor to be a member of the Cleveland Browns and I will work hard to get better in all aspects of my game and know that I have the same beliefs of everyone else with the Browns and that is positivity and wanting to be winners."

"When I showed up at UAB out of high school I weighed 220 pounds and knew instantly that I

wasn't big enough to be a player at the college level," added Wright. "I am now 270 pounds and I grew by being comfortable with what I was doing and the plan the coaches put in place. I didn't want to be too big or too small, and just took baby steps to become a college athlete. I am still growing into my body and definitely need to grow more both mentally and physically in the years to come."

Growing up in Elba, Wright went through different stages in his life that included being in the band, being a basketball standout and then making the choice to concentrate on football.

"My family is big into music and singing," said Wright, in a January YouTube interview "and after playing recreation football in the third and fourth grades joined the band in the fifth grade. I played woodwind instruments and was a saxophone player in the marching band until the ninth grade, when I made the decision to get back into sports. Music will always be a part of my life no matter what I do or where I go, but I just knew it was time to get back into sports. There is a certain vibe about football in the south and there is something special about hearing the fans in the stands, the band playing music and even the smell of the grass. I knew I wanted to be a part of that and it has been a driving force in my life ever since."

"Elba is small town kind of in the neck of the woods and Elba High was a 2A school back when I was there," added Wright. "I assure you there was a big difference in playing in front of a couple of hundred fans at Elba and tens of thousands of fans at UAB. I had dreams of playing



UAB linebacker Alex Wright

in the NBA when I was in high school, but Elba isn't a basketball school, it is a football school that everyone knows about. Football is the heart of Elba, and I made the choice to follow that path and see where it would take me. My coach at Elba (Ed Rigby) told me after my junior year that he was going to send tapes of me to colleges and there was no doubt in his mind I could play at the next level and would get the chance if I kept on working. I kept working, but really had my doubts until I started to get texts from college coaches. My coach always said if you are good enough people will find you, no matter you are, and that was true."

When asked about his motivation coming from a small town to become a professional athlete, Wright stated "When I was growing up Elba was the

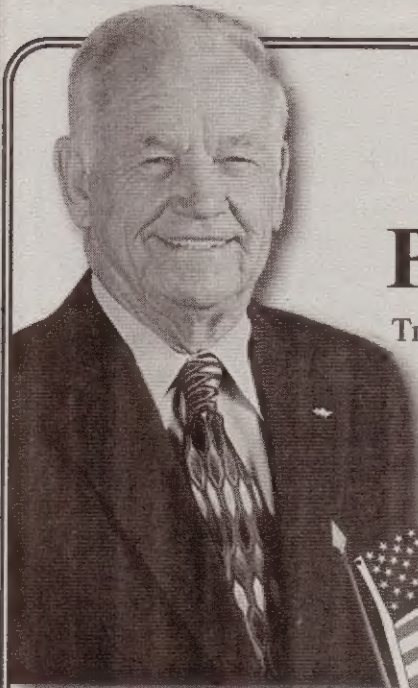
place you left and went somewhere else. I love my family and my hometown, but as a young man saw a lot of high school football players leave and then come back. I wasn't sure why they came back, but it just seemed like they always came back to Elba. It can be toxic living in a small town because of the feeling of security and being at home with your friends. Elba will always be home, but I knew I had to get out and see what life had to offer in other places."

"It was like a dream when I heard my name called out on the NFL draft," said Wright, "and it is still like a dream I can't wake up from. I have worked so many years and made so many to get to this opportunity in my life and I know I am blessed to be here. I know there will be adjustments I have to make to be successful in the NFL, but I learned a long time ago that in sports and in life you have to get better every day, and that is always what I try to do. I know I have taken the first step in the next chapter of my life being drafted by Cleveland and I also know there are no guarantees. I will work hard on my speed, my strength and to being the best I can be, and I also want to prove that a player doesn't have to be from a 'power five' school to make it in the NFL."

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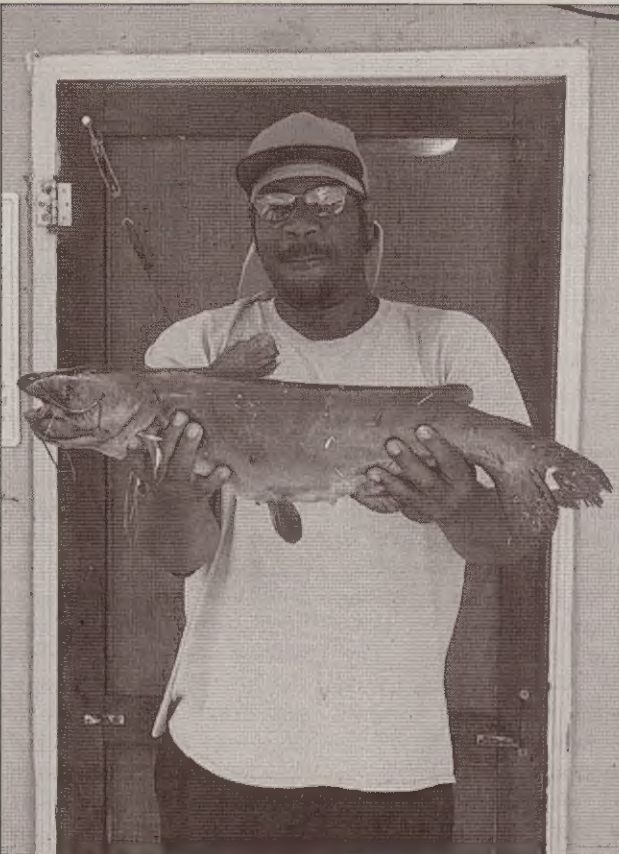
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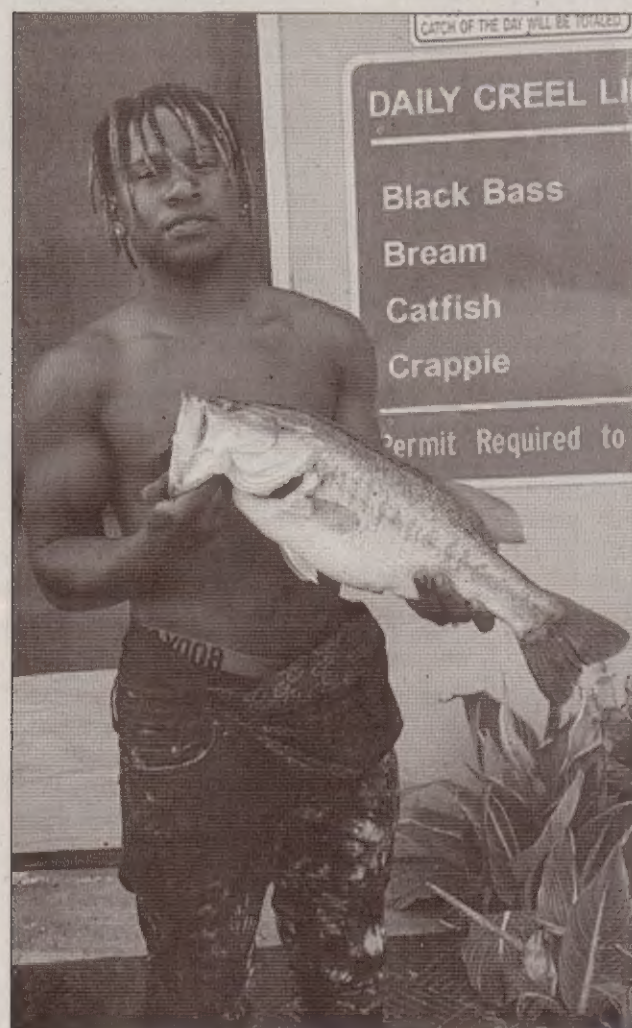
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SPORTS NEWS

Spotlight on the
OUTDOORS

KEVIN SMITH caught this 10-pound catfish last week while fishing from the shoreline at the Coffee County Lake.



DEVORIAN WILKERSON caught this 7 and 1/2 pound bass last week while fishing from the shoreline at the Coffee County Lake.



Elba Tiger head football coach Marc Sieving shouts instructions as two players work at spring training last week. The Tigers will wrap up spring drills on May 13 with a 'Black and Gold' game.

Elba Tigers are hard at work at spring drills

The Elba Tigers are hard at work at spring football practice and after one week of work head coach Marc Sieving feels the outlook is good for another successful season.

"We have almost an entire new unit on the practice field on both offense and defense," said Sieving, "but everyone is working hard and the young players that have to step up are excited about getting a chance to play and are really getting after it. We lost eight starters on offense and nine on defense. So, we obviously have a lot of

holes to fill, but are excited about the future and what this group can do."

"We spent the first week trying to get folks in the right spots," added the third year Elba coach, "and this week we will move some folks around and keep trying to put all the pieces together in the right places. We spent two days putting in pieces of our offense and defense and wrapped up the week letting the players get after a little in game style situations. We split up the players in groups to give everyone an opportunity to compete, and we

liked what we saw. This week we plan to keep adding some things on both sides of the ball, put in a couple of new formations and as always work on fundamentals."

The Tigers have 35 players taking part in spring drills, with only four seniors on the preseason roster that advanced to the second round of the 2A playoffs a year ago.

"We are young and inexperienced," admitted Coach Sieving, "but all the younger players really want to get on the field and are working hard to get

a position. Our goal this spring is to find out who can help us next season and to find the answers to all the questions we had entering the spring. We still have some questions. However, the spirit and attitude of the players is great and that gets us excited as coaches. We've already seen a lot of good things and expect to see a lot more in the days ahead."

Elba will wrap up spring practice with a 'Black and Gold' game set for 1:00 pm on Friday, May 13, at Tiger Stadium.

** Baseball ** Softball **

DIAMOND DUST

BASEBALL:

Bayshore Christian 19 Brantley 0 – The Brantley Bulldogs failed to get a hit and committed seven errors in a 19-0 opening round loss to Bayshore Christian, in the second round of the Class 1A baseball playoffs. The Bulldogs trailed only 4-0 after two innings, but Bayshore exploded for 15 runs in the third inning to blow the game open and claim the win. Three Brantley pitchers combined to toss three innings and allowed four earned runs on 13 hits and eight walks.

Bayshore Christian 11 Brantley 1 – The Brantley Bulldogs saw their season come to an end in an 11-1 loss to Bayshore Christian, in the second round of the Class 1A baseball playoffs. Tucker Kilcrease had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Cooper Layton added 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Jon Bush, Jordan Parks, Kaleb Weed and Jayden Parks all added 1 hit. Two Brantley pitchers combined to pitch four and two-thirds innings and allowed five earned runs on nine hits and five walks.

SOFTBALL:

Zion Chapel 6 Kinston 2 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled ahead early and never looked back to post a 6-2 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Riley Bannin had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Shea Wambles added 2 hits, including a home run, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Kaylee Hodge added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Emily Rhodes added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Sydney Boothe added 2 hits and 1 rbi. Riley Bannin was the winning pitcher as she pitched a complete game and allowed two earned runs on five hits, with five strikeouts. Anna Flowers had 2 hits and Cadence Elmore added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Luverne 2 Brantley 1 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs were upset 2-1 by the Luverne Lady Tigers. The Lady Bulldogs failed to get a hit, while AC Free scored 1 run and Kaylee Navarre was the hard luck loser in the circle as she allowed two earned runs on five hits, while striking out 12. **Brantley 3 LAMP 1** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs jumped ahead early and held on to defeat LAMP 3-1. Kayden Dunn had 2 hits, including a home run, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Campbell Hawthorne and Annah Little both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Lindsey Wells added 1 hit and had 1 rbi.

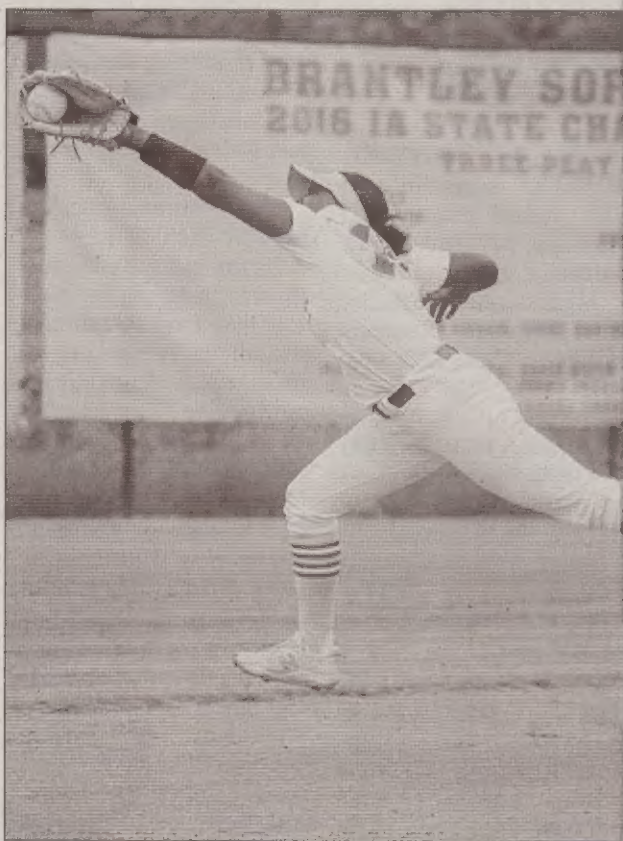
New Brockton 8 Arton 6 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks rallied from an early 3-2 deficit to claim an exciting 8-6 win over the Arton Lady Cats. Madison Meeks had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Kennedy Hussey added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Kinsley Owens added 3 hits and 3 rbi's; and, Shelby Hobbs added 1 hit and 3 rbi's. Jordyn Thornton picked up the win inside the circle as she tossed a complete game and allowed two earned runs on seven hits and four walks.

Brantley 14 Andalusia 10 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early 9-1 lead and turned back a late rally to outscore the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs 14-10. Alex Grimes had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Sheonte Barginere added 2 hits, including a double and a triple, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; AC Free added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Annah Little added 2 hits and 4 rbi's. Three Brantley pitchers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed

eight earned runs on ten hits, while striking out nine.

Houston Academy 12 Kinston 1 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dropped a 12-1 decision to the Houston Academy Lady Raiders. Cadence Elmore and Faith Peters had 2 hits, apiece, to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Sydney Smith added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Two Kinston pitchers combined to allow nine earned runs on 12 hits, while striking out four.

Prattville 2 Brantley 1 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a late rally fall short in a 2-1 loss to the Prattville Lady Lions. Alex Grimes had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Campbell Hawthorne, Kayden Dunn and Kaylee Navarre all added 1 hit. Kaylee Navarre took the loss in the circle despite allowing only one earned run on five hits, while striking out 12.



Brantley Lady Bulldog Sheonte Barginere makes a running catch in a recent Lady Bulldog win.

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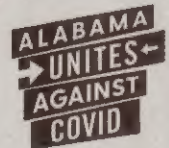
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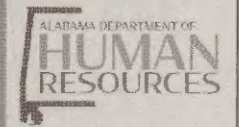
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: LEONARD JAMES SHARP, Deceased,****MARY KATHERINE SHARP WILSON, Petitioner.**

CASE NO.: PC 2022-017

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Leonard James Sharp, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of April, 2022, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Mary Katherine Sharp Wilson
Mary Katherine Sharp Wilson
Personal Representative
4/21.28&5/5-pd.**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA****IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TOMMY GLENN DEWBERRY, Deceased.**

CASE NO.: PC-2022-023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKENOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TOMMY KEVIN DEWBERRY as Administrator of the Estate of TOMMY GLENN DEWBERRY, deceased, on the 11th day of May, 2021, by Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate of TOMMY GLENN DEWBERRY are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
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4/21.28.5/5-pd.**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION****IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH ANTHONY MARTINES, DECEASED****CAUSE NO. PC-2022-025**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEELetters Testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of April, 2022, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to Arrian Bowers to serve as Executrix of the Estate of Joseph Anthony Martines, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of Joseph Anthony Martines that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred./s/ Charles H. Ellzey
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5-5,12,19-pd**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION****IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOE GLEN LEE, Deceased,**

CASE NO: PC-22-028

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 26th day of April, 2022, to Judy L. Hughes as Executrix of the Estate of Joe Glen Lee, deceased, who departed this life on the 22nd day of February, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/L Merrill Shirley
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What is Norman's take on that? "So What?!"

"If my life experiences are only used to get your vote, then I am no different than anyone else asking for a paycheck to 'fix' Alabama just because they checked all the boxes of being a 'good person'," he said.

Norman is married to his first wife of 42 years, Roslyn New Horton, who comes from a long line of Alabamians in Randolph County. It has been said that a man's true measure is reflected in his children.

Norman and Roslyn have four children; Cindy a former manager for Thomas and Betts in Memphis, Brian, head IT director for Duke Schools in Raleigh, Michael, a real estate investor, and Becky, who owns an IT company, both in Florida. By design, none of them are working in his campaign.

Like most who risked it all to create jobs and make a difference, Horton has experienced life's ups and downs. Failure has been a learning tool and provided the incentive to pick himself up and move forward.

Stormin graduated from Alabama Aviation and Technical College

seeks election to State

Senate, District 31, seat jumped in to "fix" things in government when it was detrimental to the working man and woman. Locally with police departments, statewide when he wrote towing requirements for Col Jones, and nationally as the keynote speaker presenting trucking industry issues to the DOT in Washington D.C.

Not waiting for a paycheck, Horton went to Montgomery five years ago as a private citizen. He has written bills and shepherded them through the Senate and the House and on to the Governors desk. Even more importantly, he worked tirelessly to kill unconstitutional bills.

Horton said he has been told by legislators that he has a reputation for being a fighter in Montgomery and his common sense bills were not too common.

Horton is running to continue his work and keep a closer eye on legislation that will be beneficial (or harmful) to Alabama's best assets, its people, by being elected the next Senator of District 31.

As a Ham radio operator, W4NDH, Horton feels SOS means it is time to "Save Our State" from the downward spiral so many states have taken.

"I respectfully ask for your vote to term limit the career politicians by voting Horton as the next State Senator for everyone in District 31," he said.

Horton said he has

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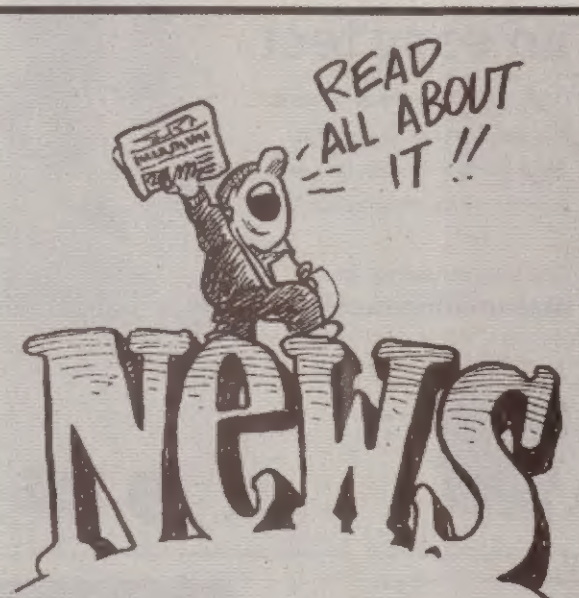
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COMMUNITY NEWS



12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office Supports Child Abuse Prevention Month...Ladies from the Coffee County District Attorney's office in Enterprise are shown here wearing t-shirts last Friday, April 29, in support of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The shirts were sold by the Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center as a fundraiser. That office services Coffee County abuse cases as well. Those pictured above include: (standing, 1 to r) Tonnya Glasgow, Mary-Katherine Head, Amanda Baker, Amanda Fox, Megan Kerr, Courtney Hilburn, and Hannah Smith; (seated, 1 to r) Tarnisha Jones, Jane Green, and Misty Powell.



RELAY QUEENS CROWNED...The Coffee County Relay for Life beauty pageant had a wonderful turnout on April 2, 2022. The Elba Church of Christ was packed with family and friends there to support the girls. The contestants raised over \$8,000 for Coffee County Relay for Life. Pageant winners are pictured above: [Back Row, 1 to r] Meagan Smith (People's Choice), Rachel Garrett (Ms Relay), Alivia Langdon (Baby Miss), Ayla King (Junior Miss), Madison Brock (Miss Relay), and Sara Shoupe (Teen Miss); [Front Row, 1 to r] Bella Bane (Spirit of Relay), Aubrielle Sims (Toddler Miss), Harper Hall (Little Miss), Mallie Smith (Tiny Miss), and Ka'Leah Streeter (Petite Miss).



McKinstry Speaks to DAR Chapter on Quilts of Valor...The Alabama State Coordinator for the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF), Jacquelyn McKinstry, was a recent speaker at the John Coffee Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter meeting. The QOVF began in 2003 with a dream by Founder Catherine Roberts whose son was deployed in Iraq. She dreamed of a young man in a war who was emotionally spent but then she saw him wrapped in a quilt and he went from despair to hope and well-being. The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Medical Center for a young soldier from Minnesota who lost his leg in Iraq. Over 400,000 quilts have been given with the goal of 500,000 comforting and healing QOVs being awarded by 2023 for QOVF's 20th Anniversary. Citizens can help by donating at QOVF.org/donate. Pictured above (from left) is McKinstry and John Coffee DAR Regent Jacque Hawkins, who presented a token of appreciation to McKinstry for speaking to the group. Interested in becoming a member of DAR, contact Shirley Skinner, 334-301-6063 or email shirley_skinner@hotmail.com

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Secretary of State encourages Alabamians to serve as poll workers

Ahead of the May 24th Primary Election, Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill is encouraging Alabamians to step up to the plate and serve their community as a poll worker.

Poll workers are paid election officials who serve at local polling places and carry out assigned Election Day procedures. There are approximately 1,980 polling places across the State of Alabama that must be

staffed each election cycle. Poll worker duties begin before Election Day, as each poll worker is required to undergo training to carry out very important tasks.

"Serving as a poll worker is an amazing opportunity to learn more about the election process, while contributing to your community. Ensuring that each of our 1,980 polling locations is appropriately staffed is vital to proper election administration," Secretary Merrill stated, "Poll workers protect the democratic process and the rights of each and every eligible voter. Today, more than ever, it is important for Alabamians to step up and become poll workers!" For those interested in serving, the poll worker application must be returned to your county Probate Judge for consideration. These are the requirements to become a poll worker:

- Must be a registered voter in the State of Alabama.
- Must be registered to vote in the county in which

they desire to act as a poll worker.

- Must attend a mandatory poll worker training session. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

• Cannot be a member of a candidate's immediate family or the second degree of kinship and cannot be a member of a candidate's political committee.

In addition, high school or college students age 16 or older can apply to become student poll worker interns. Students must be recommended by a principal, another school official, or the individual responsible for the student's home instruction program. More information on the Student Intern Program can be found [online](https://www.sos.alabama.gov/elections/poll-workers). The student poll worker application must also be returned to the county Probate Judge for consideration.

For questions or concerns, contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (334) 242-7210 or the county Probate Judge.

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